that the prosecution of **the case If** pursued, would hav$_e$ entailed avoidable additional expenditure to the Government of India by way of legal and other expenses.

Financial grant from states for laying railway lines

2720. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the number of States which have made declaration lor providing of financial grant for laying railway lines in their States; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) From 1986 to 1988 only Kerala and Maharashtra offered following assistance for laying Railway lines in their States;

S. No.	State Govt.	Rly	Project g	Details of contribution
1	Maharashtra	Central	Mankhurd-	2/3rd of the total cost estimated to be Rs: 132 crores.
2	Kerala	Southern	*4* Belapur suburban Rly line Eranakulam-Alleppey new BG Rly line.	Supply of wooden sleepers free of cost and 4.42 hectares of Porambokeland.

Issuance of **passport to Imam Bukhari**

2721. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that passport of Imam Bukhari had been impounded long back for some criminal charges against him;

(b) whether all those case6 have been satisfactorily disposed of or are still pending; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that he travelled to Tehran recently; if so, what type of passport was issued to' him and under what circumstances? *I*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR *mGU):* (a) No, **Sir.**

(b) Some cases against him are reportedly pending in different courts.

(c) He was issued a short validity passport recently for his travel to Tehran to attend the funeral ceremonies of Ayotollah Khomenei.

भारत नेपाल संबंधों का खराब होना

2722. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत-नेपाल संबंधों में कुछ तनाव की स्थिति रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या-क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस तनाव के कारण नेपाल की आम जनता को कष्ट उठाना पड़ रहा है;